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SUBJECT: SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY IN OTTAWA

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is seeking your support and assistance. As you are aware, the Mayor of the City of Ottawa declared a state of emergency on February 6th. The downtown core of the city has been, and continues to be, occupied with participants of a "Freedom Convoy" demonstration, as well as counter protesters. Due to the complexity, fluidity, and duration of the demonstration, the OPS is seeking assistance from partner agencies to assist in the management and response to the demonstration. The OPS continues to adapt its plan to ensure the safety and security of the city, its residents, business owners and visitors, and will become increasingly dependent on partner agencies in doing so.

Current information indicates that this demonstration will continue for the foreseeable future; we anticipate a prolonged response involving multiple operations over various geographical sites across the city. As such, it is only through support and synchronized efforts with external partners that we can best position ourselves to effectively and safely manage the unpredictability of the coming days and weeks.

To that end, the OPS is requesting support and assistance from Transport Canada. The OPS is requesting that TC contribute FOUR enforcement resources to assist in a coordinated enforcement initiative. It is anticipated that Transport Canada resources will be used to assist with enforcement of fuel storage and transportation requirements and any other legislative authourities within their purview.

As safety is always a paramount concern, individual operational plans are being created to ensure the complete safety and security of partner agency personnel being deployed in response to this request.

We are grateful for the collaborative relationship we have with the Transport Canada and have every confidence that together we can make significant headway in reestablishing a peaceful and safe environment for our residents.

Sincerely,

Inspector Tim Hodgins